

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 6 have been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Office.

The invention is concerned with providing a container with a snap-on closure in which the sealing surface is protected against damage (see page 4, lines 23-24.

The Office points to no disclosure by Agbay, U.S. Patent No. 4,919,286 of a closure which comprises a peripheral skirt with a ridge intended for engagement with the inner surface of the neck of the container wherein the free outer diameter of the ridge is slightly higher than the free inner diameter of the neck.

The Office combines several quite different structures in an attempt to arrive at applicants' claimed invention. Hence, the arguments of the Office appear to be based on hindsight. The differences among the teachings of these documents is so large that the skilled person would not be motivated to combine these teachings.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerard J. McGowan, Jr.
Registration No. 29,412
Attorney for Applicant(s)

GJM/mpk
(201) 894-2297